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IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Letter dated 26 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as representative of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration of the European Union on Algeria issued on 26 September 1994.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 68.

(Signed) Detlev GRAF ZU RANTZAU

ANNEX

Statement on Algeria issued on 26 September 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

[Original: English and French]

The European Union reaffirms its willingness to support a policy of democratic development and economic restructuring in Algeria and condemns all forms of violence there. In this connection the European Union recalls the declaration made by the European Council in Corfu on 24 and 25 June 1994. The European Union welcomes the renewed efforts to promote political dialogue in Algeria. It calls upon those parties which have not yet taken part in the dialogue to do so, and encourages all sides to create the basis for the development of a democratic society.

The European Union particularly welcomes the measures taken by the Algerian Government to involve the political leaders of the Islamist Movement in the dialogue. It is imperative to make all possible efforts to achieve peaceful cooperation among all sides. Therefore, the European Union calls upon all sides to cease all acts of violence immediately to allow a peaceful dialogue. It is necessary for all sides to participate with the aim of achieving political reconciliation and the restoration of stability so that normal life without the constant threat of terrorist violence may resume.

The European Union appeals to all Maghreb States to collaborate in the spirit of good neighbourliness to develop the economic prosperity of their citizens and the stability of the region.

The four acceding countries associate themselves with this statement.